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SUBJECT: RARE MEETING WITH LIBYAN ATOMIC ENERGY CHIEF LEAVES KEY LEAVES KEY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED REF: A) TRIPOLI 437; B) STATE 74778; C) TRIPOLI

1.(S/NF) Summary: On July 23, Libya's elusive top nuclear official, Dr. Ali Gashut, met with Pol/Econ Chief and Econoff to discuss U.S.-Libya's GASHUT: "I AM THE POINT OF CONTACT" FOR ALL U.S.-LIBYA NUCLEAR ISSUES

2.(S) Dr. Ali Gashut met with Pol/Econ Chief and Econoff to review the status of U.S.-Libya scientist redirection programs, at the Embassy's re

3.(S/NF) Gashut outlined his team's composition, noting that he is in charge of the Libyan Atomic Energy Establishment (LAAE). Gashut confirmed STATUS OF HEU/LEU GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

4.(C) Gashut said he expected the government-to-government agreement for the repatriation of the HEU/LEU material from Tajura to Russia to be a REGIONAL NUCLEAR MEDICINE CENTER

5.(S) Gashut highlighted the proposed Regional Nuclear Medicine Center (RNMC) as a good symbol of U.S.-Libya cooperation - one which would demc

6.(S/NF) [Note: In November 2008, a draft strategy was passed to the Libyan government for approval to start the architectural design for the F SISTER LAB

7.(C) Emboffs conveyed disappointment that visas were not approved for the June Sister Laboratory visit. Gashut insisted that visa approvals re WATER DESALINATION PILOT PROJECT

8.(S) Gashut informed Emboffs that the water desalination project was stalled because his team could not access the necessary equipment to proc RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTIVITIES

9.(S/NF) Earlier this month, two officials (Musa Mohamed and Khairy Agha) of the Renewable Energy Research Center received funding from the ISN

10.(S/NF) Gashut noted that an Alternative Energy/Desalination Study Tour had been proposed two years ago, in talks between the U.S. and Libya.

11.(S/NF) Comment: While it was helpful to have this rare, face-to-face meeting with Gashut, many unanswered questions remain, such as the stat